

59/40.CAMPBELL DOES IT AGAIN:

Bluebird was set to go; Coniston Water smooth as glass. The official timekeepers alerted, Donald Campbell sent the jet hydroplane full out along the measured kilometre.

Bluebird had to go each way over the course, to find the necessary average speed for two runs. On the first one, the incredible figure was 275.15 miles an hour. Now back! Over water disturbed by the first run, the return was not quite so fast, two-forty-five. But that put the average at 260-35 miles an hour. What a moment for Donald Campbell, his wife Tonia and acc-mechanic Leo Villa. The last record was beaten by just a fraction under twelve miles an hour.

Perhaps the next record attempt will be in Canada. And then, if he beats the land record too, Donald Campbell will retire from the speed race. Congratulations, and may the good luck stay with him...